Tuesday, March 4, 1952.

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Went to Phil Bonsal's political meeting this morning, and made a statement as to what had occurred at the Lisbon Conference.

Buddy North came to see me. He has been in Rome for some months, but has lately spent a couple of weeks in Berlin trying to engage talent for his circus.

I stopped in for a time at the meeting of the U.S. Ambassadors to the Iron Curtain countries. They were discussing such subjects as retaliatory measures that might be taken by us against Soviet ~~and Satellite~~ diplomats in the United States, etc.

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E. and I went to lunch at the Canadian Embassy with George and Pauline Vanier, who are such a charming couple. Most of my time there was engrossed by telephone calls from all over the place regarding the selection of a Secretary General for NATO.

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Mr. Goldthwaite Dorr came to see me. He is going up to Germany on Thursday with Bill Draper.

Bill Stoneman called and we had a long talk about the French situation.

As Pleven predicted to me the other night, Reynaud has been unable to form a cabinet. Pleven refused to attempt to do so, and now Pinay has been requested by President Auriol to take a try at it.

Bill Koren came to say goodbye. I saw Kippy Tuck, [redacted] disturbed since his recent trip to Egypt, not only about the whole Egyptian problem, but especially about the future of the Suez Canal Company.

I went to see M. Schuman at 6.15, regarding the Stikker appointment. He repeated to me what he had previously said to General Vanier, namely that the French Government would prefer a British or Canadian

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in this post. He intimated, however, that if no suitable candidate was presented by either of these countries his government would not be obstructive and would accept Stikker. His chief preoccupation is that if a continental is appointed, members of his own Parliament will feel that Great Britain is even more definitely separated from continental affairs. I telephoned to Messrs. Spofford, Draper and Bonbright on this subject.

To-night I was informed by Bourbon-Busset that the British would present a candidate to-morrow.

We went to a delightful dinner this evening with Paul and Madame Reynaud at 5 Place du Palais Bourbon. We like him very much, and he has been helpful to the Embassy on many occasions. The others there were the Ruaults (he is the Master of the stag hounds at Chantilly), the Laniels and the Jacques Rueffs. [redacted]

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